

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mobile communications handset having a visual display and a data processing system, the data processing system including an operating system whose functions include operating one or more applications, the operating system including a display subsystem for controlling a visual display, where

the data processing system is controlled by the operating system which includes a display area fixing system operable in response to user input to provide the user with the option of designating an area, being part of an image displayed on the visual display, to remain in a fixed position on the display, and

the display area fixing system to control the data processing system to act ~~acts~~ directly on the display subsystem in parallel with any application running in the data processing system.
2. (Currently Amended) A handset data-processing system as claimed in claim 1 in which the visual content of the designated area is copied to remain in the fixed position whereby it is also visible in its original positional relationship to other displayed information..
3. (Currently Amended) A handset data-processing system as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~ in which the option is provided as part of the user menu.
4. (Currently Amended) A handset data-processing system as claimed in claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~ in which the information displayed in the designated area is updated according to the current status of the application corresponding to the designated area.
5. (Currently Amended) A handset data-processing system as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 in which the user is able to move the designated area within the area of the visual display.
6. (Currently Amended) A handset data-processing system as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 in which the designated area is movable within the area of the visual display in response to user input.
7. (Currently Amended) A handset data-processing system as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 in which a plurality of areas may be designated by the user to remain in one or more fixed positions on the display.
8. (Currently Amended) A handset data-processing system as claimed in claim 7 in which the plurality of areas may be arranged in an overlapping configuration.

9. (Currently Amended) A handset data processing system as claimed in claim 8 in which the topmost designated area is the area ~~one~~ most recently designated.
10. (Currently Amended) A handset data processing system as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~ in which the user ~~is able to define the order of~~ designates the order of overlapping ~~fixed~~ areas according to a user-defined order.
11. (Canceled).